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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

This memorandum includes a status update on a County-sponsored bill related to the Subdivision Map Act, and a County-advocacy bill related to water consumption.

Status of County-Sponsored Legislation

County-sponsored AB 133 (Smyth), which would clarify existing language of the Subdivision Map Act to give Los Angeles County the same authority that the Orange and San Diego Counties have for their unincorporated areas to pay for reasonable administrative and other costs, in addition to actual construction-related costs, passed the Senate Floor on June 17, 2010 by a vote of 33 to 0, and was sent to the Assembly for concurrence in Senate amendments. On June 21, 2010, the Assembly concurred with Senate amendments by a vote of 55 to 0, and now the bill proceeds to the Governor's Desk.

Status of County-Advocacy Legislation

County-support if amended AB 1975 (Fong), which would require every water purveyor, with a certain exception, that provides water service to a person residing in a multi-unit residential, mixed-use residential, or commercial structure for newly constructed buildings for which a construction permit has been issued on or after January 1, 2013, to require the installation of meters or submeters on each individual

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rental unit as a condition of new water service to that property, was amended on June 16, 2010.

The June 16, 2010 amendments: 1) delete the above requirements; 2) include language requiring that architectural plans for individual dwelling units in certain multiunit structures, for which a building permit application is submitted on or after January 1, 2013, include, as a condition for the issuance of the building permit, the installation of either a water meter or a submeter, at the discretion of the water purveyor, to measure water supplied to each individual dwelling unit; and 3) delete the provision authorizing the owner of the property to charge occupants a specified fee for the actual costs of reading the meter or submeter and providing billing services.

The amendments also require: 1) the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to develop and submit building standards for the installation of water meters and submeters in residential units within a multiunit residential structure or a mixed-use residential and commercial structure, as specified; 2) the HCD proposed building standards to include exemptions for certain types of residential structures and where installation is deemed infeasible; and 3) the California Building Standards Commission, prior to adopting these proposed building standards, to determine that a sufficient number of water meters and submeters are available in the market. The building standards proposed by HCD must provide an exemption, at a minimum, for low-income housing, student dormitories, and senior living facilities.

County support for AB 1975 is contingent on the bill including language to remove the requirement that the owner install submeters as a condition of new water service to the property, and instead make it a condition for approval of the construction permit. The June 16, 2010 amendments include language which makes the installation of meters or submeters as a condition for approval of the construction permit instead of as a condition of new water service to the property.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) indicates that acceptance of the above amendment makes AB 1975 supportable. However, DPW indicates that the bill does not clarify the fees that the water purveyor is prohibited from collecting and recommends an additional technical amendment to AB 1975 to address this. **Because the County's requested amendment has been accepted, the Sacramento advocates will drop the support if amended position and now support AB 1975, and request that it be amended to clarify that the water purveyor is prohibited from collecting fees only for the additional submeters installed on the property.**

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This measure is set for hearing on June 22, 2010 in the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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